

[30 November, 2006]

RAJYA SABHA

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24.	iakhisarai	221
25.	Shaikhpura	143
26.	Jamul	433
27.	Madhubani	4333
28	Muzaffarpur	7475
29.	Sitamarhi	3383
30.	Sheohar	695
31.	Patna	4115
32.	Nalanda	3300
33.	Saharsa	943
34.	Supaul	754
35.	Madhepura	1059
36.	Samastipur	3493-
37.	Rohtas	2693
38.	Bhabua	796
TOTAL		87864

Selling of postal stamps by vendors in Chhattisgarh

† 908. SHRIMOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATIPREMACARIAPPA: ,

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that revenue stamps are not being sold in post offices situated in the State of Chhattisgarh and Government are selling them through stamp vendors;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) whether it is also a fact that these stamp vendors remain in district and block headquarters only due to which common man is facing serious problems; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to solve the problems faced by the common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Chhattisgarh did not allow commission to the Department of Posts on the cost based rates agreed by the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. Therefore, the sale of revenue stamps by post offices in Chhattisgarh has been discontinued.

(c) and (d) The sale of revenue stamps and the other allied arrangements thereon in Chhattisgarh State is the prerogative and responsibility of the State Government.

Creation of focal agency

909. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TRAI has urged States to create focal agency for better co-ordination and redressal of issues of service providers;

(b) if so, whether many cellular expansion plans have been held up as guidelines and policies regarding cell site installation, right of way and permission vary from State to State;

(c) if so, whether DoT has considered faster roll-out of telecom services in the country, especially in rural India which is dependent on the development of telecom infrastructure;

(d) if so, the number of States that have agreed; and

(e) the steps taken to start the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.